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TO all Men to whom these Presents shall Come,

WE the Right Honourable *Heneage* Lord *Finch*, Baron of *Daventry*, Lord High Chancellor of *England*; S^r *William Scroggs* Knight, Lord Chief Justice of His Majesties Court of Kings-Bench; and S^r *Francis North* Knight, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common-Pleas at *Westminster*, send greeting: WHEREAS in a Statute made in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of the late King of fameus memory Henry the Seventh, for the Weal and Profit of his Subjects, it was amongst other things Ordained, Established, and Enacted, That no Master, Wardens, and Fellowships, of Crafts and Mysteries, or any of them, or any Rulers of Guilds and Fraternities, should take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances, nor to Execute any Acts or Ordinances then afore made, in disheritance or diminution of the Prerogative of the King, nor of any other, nor against the Common Profit of the People: But that the same Acts or Ordinances, be Examined and Approved by the Chancellor or Treasurer of England, or Chief Justices of either Bench, or three of them, or before both the Justices of Assize in their Circuit or Progress, in the Shire where such Acts or Ordinances be made, upon pain of forfeiture of Forty Pounds for every time that they do contrary (as by the same Statute more plainly doth and may appear.) KNOW YE, That the Master and Keepers, or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *STATIONERS* of the City of London, Willing and desiring that the said Act of Parliament be in all things duly observed and kept, the Fourth Day of August in the One and Thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord *CHARLES* II. by the Grace of God of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith, &c. HAVE Presented unto us an Ordinance by them Ordained, Devised and made for the Well Governing of their Society; And have made their humble suit and request to have the same setled and Established; And that We the same Ordinance hereafter mentioned, and by them to us exhibited, would Examine, Correct and amend, and so approve it in due manner and form as the said recited Act of Parliament requireth. WE therefore Well considering and approving the said supplication to be good and reasonable, according to their desire, and by the Authority of the said Act of Parliament to us given, the same Ordinance so to us exhibited have seen, read and Examined: The tenor whereof hereafter followeth. IT IS ORDAINED, That no Member of this Company shall hereafter Print, Publish, Sell or expose to Sale, or cause to be Printed, Published, Sold or exposed to Sale any Book, Pamphlet, Pourtraicture, Picture or Paper, unless such Printer or Printers shall thereunto Print his or their Name and Names, or the Name of such person or persons that shall put or cause the same to be Printed or Published; UPON pain of Forfeiting to the Master and Keepers, or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *STATIONERS* of the City of London, the summ of Twenty Pounds: WHICH said Ordinance in manner and form aforesaid made, WE the said Lord Chancellor of England and Lord Chief Justices of either Bench have seen, perused and examined, And in order to the preventing and avoiding the Penalty inflicted by the aforesaid Statute upon the Execution of Ordinances not approved as by the said Act is directed (and as far forth as by Law we may) We do Approve, Ratify and Confirm. IN WITNESS Whereof We the said Lord Chancellor of England, and Lord Chief Justices of either Benches have hereunto subscribed our Names and set our Seals the Two and Twentieth Day of August, in the One and Thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord *CHARLES* II. By the Grace of God of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Dom.* 1679.

Finch Canc. *Will. Scroggs.* *Fra. North.*

S^r HER MAJESTY'S STATE PAPER OFFICE

11° *Martii* 1680.

THis day His Majesty was pleased to Order the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of *Stationers*, *London*, to attend Him in Council (and they attending accordingly) His Majesty was pleased to Command them to put the above mentioned By-Law in Execution. In Obedience whereunto we the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of *Stationers* (to the intent that no person whatsoever may pretend ignorance) do hereby give notice, That the above mentioned By-Law shall effectually be put in Execution against all Offenders whatsoever.

John Lilly, Clerk.

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